INFORMATION ON MIPS CREDIT – HOW TO APPLY

What is MIPS:

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) is one of two tracks under the Quality Payment Program, which moves Medicare Part B providers to a performance-based payment system. MIPS streamlines three historical Medicare programs — the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), the Value-based Payment Modifier (VM) Program, and the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Meaningful Use — into a single payment program.

All Medicare Part B providers who meet the definition of a MIPS-eligible clinician should plan to participate in MIPS in 2019 or they will be subject to a negative 6% payment adjustment on Medicare Part B reimbursements in 2021. Adjusting up to a potential 9% penalty in 2022.

One of the ways to improve your reimbursement is to participate in Improvement Activities. This CME program, plus practice improvement as determined through a 30- and 90-day survey, will qualify as a medium-weighted activity towards 15% of your total MIPS score.

What type of MIPS Credit does this program pertain to:

This program qualifies as a medium-weight improvement activity under MIPS and participants who have completed all the steps to receive credit listed below can claim this activity as completion of an IA_PSPA_28 Accredited Safety or Quality Improvement Program.

How to receive Credit:

1. Attend the CME program for the full duration and apply for CME credit
2. Check the box at the bottom of the evaluation sheet that indicates you are interested in the MIPS credit
3. Provide a valid email address to receive follow-up surveys
4. Incorporate at least one of the following required measures into your practice:
   a. Test for CSF-specific oligoclonal bands in MS diagnostic work-ups
   b. Offer MS therapies to patients with CIS after first attack who are at high risk of progression, after ruling out other diagnoses
   c. Assess and record patient quality-of-life and patient reported-outcomes data
5. Complete two brief follow-up surveys sent at 30 and 90 days after the program – a certificate of completion will be provided upon completion of the 90-day survey
6. Attest to completing the Improvement Activity in the CMS system. Contact your practice administrator with any questions.

Does the CMS have any resources available on Improvement Activities?

Visit the CMS website for more information on Improvement Activities: https://qpp.cms.gov/mips/improvement-activities

Where can I go to check my MIPS Status?

You can check your participation status using the National Provider Identifier (NPI) Look-up Tool on https://qpp.cms.gov.

   Enter your 10-digit NPI to view your QPP participation status by performance.

   QPP Participation Status includes APM Participation, as well as MIPS Participation.